

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/808,764

Applicant(s)

MAY ET AL.

Examiner

Richard Shaffer

Art Unit

3775

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Richard Shaffer.

(3) Lisa Adams.

(2) Eduardo Robert.

(4) Christina Sperry.

Date of Interview: 02 December 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Lee et al (US 5,480,403); Supinski (US 6,579,295).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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